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SUBJ: TENSION IN RHODESIA INCREASING

ON AUGUST 1 AMERICAN RANCHER WHO HAS SPENT 10 YEARS ON RANCH NEAR NEWANETSI IN RHODESIA CALLED ON CONGEN TO INQUIRE INTO POSSIBILITIES FOR LONG TERM INVESTMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION HE TOLD ME THAT SITUATION IN RHODESIA IS BECOMING TENSER BY THE DAY. HE SAID HE AND OTHER AMERICANS WHO HAD STARTED OUT WITH CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY FOR IAN SMITH REGIME HAVE IN PAST TWO YEARS BECOME DISILLUSIONED AND APPREHENSIVE. HE SAID TERRORISTS ARE BECOMING MORE ACTIVE, WITH MANY INCIDENTS OCCURING, INCLUDING LOSSES OF VEHICLES AND AIRCRAFT, WHICH ARE SIMPLY NOT REPORTED IN PRESS. RHODESIAN AFRICANS ARE COOPERATING WITH TERRORISTS AND EVEN AMONG AFRICAN GROUPS WHICH HITHERTO ACCEPTED OR AT LEAST TOLERATED SMITH REGIME THERE IS NOW DEFINITE UNDERCURRENT OF HOSTILITY AND UNEASE. HE ASCRIBED THIS NOT SO MUCH TO THE INADEQUACY

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OF LAST UK-RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT OFFER OR TO DESIRE OF AFRICANS

FOR IMMEDIATE CONTROL OVER GOVERNMENT, AS TO SEVERE RESTRICTIONS WHICH GOVERNMENT IS PLACING ON ACTIVITIES OF AFRICANS AFFECTING THEIR DAILY LIVES. HE SAID SMITH REGIME IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY IDENTICAL TO THAT OF SOUTH AFRICA, WITH SIMILARITY TO APARTHEID GROWING DAILY. RESTRICTIONS ARE ALSO PLACED ON NON-AFRICAN SEGMENTS OF THE POPULACE. FOR EXAMPLE, PERSONAL MAIL IS BEING OPENED AND RHODESIA IS TURNING INTO VERITABLE POLICE STATE. AS A RESULT MANY OF HIS FRIENDS HAVE MADE UP MINDS TO LEAVE COUNTRY. HE STRESSED THAT HIS REMARKS SHOULD BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AS HIS OWN POSITION WOULD BE JEOPARDIZED IF RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD LEARN OF HIS FEELINGS.
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